

By Dr. J. P. CANNON, Co. C, 27th Ala.

and hunting, which had been my de-

READING THE WAR NEWS.

community and the few boys remaining

The papers were filled with glowing ac-

counts of our armies, and hour after hour

At length a great battle was fought.

and a Confederate victory heralded over

When the boys began to come home, dis-

one without an arm, another a leg, some

them my most intimate friends,-my re-

flections assumed a more serious turn,

cooled temporarily. But it would never

My father, as I learned later, had a little

em up next time, sure.

On mail-days all the old men of the

INTRODUCTION.

It is not customary for a writer to begin light in former days. In the middle of his narrative, but when my diary for the year 1864 was published in The National Tribune I supposed that was all that would ever be seen in print. congregated at the village postoffice to Since then I have received so many letters get the latest news from the war and from the old veterans, expressing such read letters from the boys at the front. kindly feelings, accompanied by requests or the preceding part of it that I have of the long Summer evenings was spent been induced to complete my experience by some one of the party reading aroud for of those engaged in relief work. Oct. 28 as a private inside of rebeldom by begin- the edification of the crowd. ning at the first of my service and bringlished. Since the war I have devoted my the country. Enthusiasm was wrought ing it up to the part which has been pub time wholly to business, having no time up to the highest pitch; public speakers or inclination to engage in literary pursuits, and this will necessarily be a very plain narrative of a private who never distinguished himself in any way, but remained in his humble position to the end.

Unfortunately, my diary prior to De-cember, 1862, has been lost, and to make it complete I will have to supply from memory a synopsis of such incidents as were imprinted upon my mind, prefacing it with a short account of the stirring events just preceding the actual clash of to some extent the assertions so often arms, when prejudice swayed the minds of the people, and passions were aroused to a degree which seems almost incredible in these times are almost incredible in the assertions so often made that "Yankees would not fight," and gave the Confederates an overconfidence, resulting in a laxity of discipline; in these times of domestic peace and while it roused and solidified the North fraternal relations which exist between determination in the prosecution of the

the two sections. As everyone who is old enough to remember it knows, the Presidential campaign of 1860 was one of the most exciting and the most memorable in the history of our country. With four candidates in the field, and two of them from one of the great parties, it resulted, as anticipated by almost everyone, in the election of Mr. Lincoln, Secession, which had been hinted at before, was then openly advo-cated. Mass-meetings were held, and prominent speakers all over the South harangued the people and urged them to prepare for the inevitable. But a large would return. portion of them were opposed to a separation: the conservative element-the Douglas and Bell men-clung to the told me the war had just begun, and Union, advising moderation, many be-lieving that if war had to come it was best to fight it out under the old flag.

THE DIE IS CAST.

As the States one by one passed the Ordinance of Secession the lines were drawn closer and closer, until there was no neutral ground. The die was cast, and the original Union men were forced to take sides, and naturally a large ma-jority yielded to the popular clamor, and espoused the cause of their native States. A few yet hoped that cooler judgment

would prevail, and war might be averted; but when the Administration at Washington fully decided on "coercion" and called for men, even these lost all hope of a peaceful solution, and every mind seemed imbued with the certainty of war, but with very little conception of what it ultimately proved to be. True, some of the older and more prudent looked on the grave side, and predicted a long and bloody struggle, but the young, carried away by excitement, entered into it with all the arder of youth, and without forethought of the consequences.

Meetings increased in frequency and interest. Eloquent speakers stirred the audiences, and the populace went wild with enthusiasm. The assertions so often made that "Yankees would not fight," and that "one Southerner could whip five dous applause; some even went so far as to place the odds at 1 to 10.

It was during these exciting times that about 125 students, ranging in age from 16 to 25 years, -the writer one of the youngest of the number,-were assembled at pally Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas.

The majority of us were too young to have any well-defined ideas as to politics, but as a rule followed the footsteps which were agitating the country; but as the war fever rose higher and higher we

prevailed. Companies were being organized all over the dignified Professors being almost as much enthused as the pupils, and encouraged us in the formation of a company more than 100 strong.

We elected officers, and began drilling every day after school hours, entering into the study of Hardee's Tactics with as much zest as we had formerly done with Greek and Latin. The tailors and seam arms to give them. stresses of the town were engaged for days in making our uniforms, which were of gray cloth with black cuffs and collars, and black stripes down the pants legs, which, with our gray caps, made us look as if we had been transformed into a sureenough military school.

ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG REBELS.

was reduced to about 50 members, and a onets were not to be had, and would be disband the company, and all go home, could have believed half that the public where each would be free to join any speakers told him of their fighting quali-branch of the service he desired.

advised against it, giving as some of the facture them.

I had always been obedient to my par- which could be manufactured into a

cure gray cloth, and we considered our- necessary, presenting all the arguments cushion. Any portrait will be copied to order, and these miniature pincushions promor quality of the goods might be, brown that time,

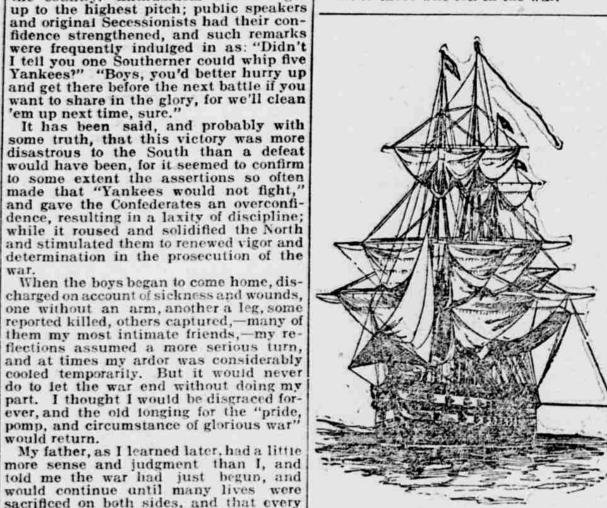
pany, and, living far out in the country, come a stanch supporter of the Confed-

earliest recollection. Their doubts of my ability to stand the life of a soldier weighserious obstacles in the way of arriving at a decision; but the momentous question was finally decided, and I had their consent "to go to the war." (To be continued.)

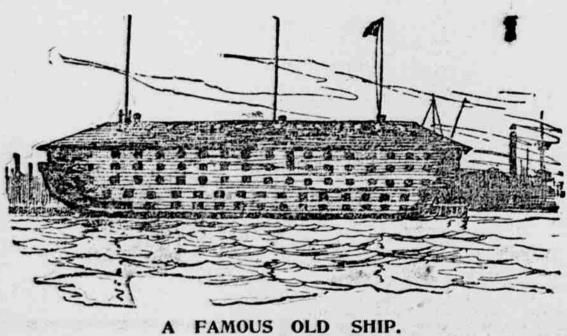
EDITORIAL NOTE .- In the next install-

It is very easy now To raise a club for The National Tribune.

Society of the Spanish War. Aug. 12, the day on which the peace the Spanish War," to be mainly composed Half Hundred.' present object will be to raise a monu-ment to those who fell in the war.



THE VERMONT AS SHE WAS.



Herewith are presented two pictures of the Vermont, the largest wooden ship ever built for the United States Navy, and which, though having been in service for half a century, is yet sound and useful. The Vermont's displacement was 4,150 tons. She carried Yankees," were greeted with tremen- 84 large guns and 16 small ones. She was built at the Boston Navy-yard, the keel being laid in 1818, and the launching taking place in 1848, lack of funds preventing steady work upon her. She was put into commission soon after launching. Commander August Hamlin and M. Vanderwalks; Sec., Capt. Baldwin was her first commander, and her crew consisted of 1,100 men. She was used as a James Houghton; Treas., C. J. Swezey. supply and transport ship. She was lost for eight months once as the result of a storm. Several vessels were sent out to search for the missing warship. In the meantime on the Florence Wesleyan University, all of us Vermont a jury rudder had been rigged, and with that and shortened sail she made Portshailing from the Southern States, princi- month in a dilapidated condition. This was in the fifties.

During the war the Vermont was used as a hospital and supply ship. About 10 years spiration to the comrades. Gen. Shanks ago two new decks were built, the masts and houses were removed, and a roof was put over was Colonel of the regiment, and was her. The outside of the vessel had been left unchanged, and she looks like an ark. She loved by all the "boys." He is the only makes a striking contrast to the great steel battleships of the modern Navy, which are going of our fathers, divided as they were in to and from the yard at all times. She is now a receiving ship at Brooklyn. Many of her

drifted with the tide, regardless of any Union sentiments which had previously In the Fall of 1861 it was generally bethat the Federals were planning an inthe country; Confederate gray was every- vasion by way of the Tennessee and where to be seen, and it is not surprising that the contagion extended to us; even sation in the community; the war was coming to our very doors; our negroes would be freed, stock driven off, and the beautiful Valley of the Tennessee desolated. The time had come for every man have to arm themselves, as he had no

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Parties were out drumming up companies. There were no examinations by Surgeons as to physical condition, nor were youth or old age a bar to eligibility; every man or boy capable of carrying a gun was gladly received, and no questions asked. Meetings were held at different When our company was first organized places in the neighborhood, and we were it was with the intention to offer our entertained with red-hot speeches, picservices to the Confederacy as soon as turing in glowing terms the glorious desour term at school expired, which would tiny of "the young Nation which had just have been in June; some even insisted been born." The roll of the drum and on offering at once, but this was opposed shrill note of the fife could be heard all by the majority, especially the seniors, over the land, while the work of collectwho were anxious to finish the term and ing arms and other necessaries progressed. get their diplomas, for which they had Double-barreled shotguns seemed to be labored so zealously the past four years, the most available weapons to be had. Quite a number, though, were so bellig- and were said to be quite formidable in erently inclined that they could not wait warfare. The majority of those among for so short a time, and began to drop out us who enlisted had them, and those who one by one and go to join home com- had not were soon supplied by accommodating neighbors who were willing to So, by the middle of May our company contribute that much to the cause. Bayto which the teachers useless appendages with our double-bar were invited, and, as a result, it was reled shotguns. Of course, Yankees agreed that diplomas be issued to those would not stand long enough for bayonets who would be entitled to them in June, ever really to be used in battle (if one ties), but it would look more warlike to When I arrived at home a company was have something of the kind, and it was being organized in the neighborhood, in decided that long "bowie-knives" would which my older brother was taking an be the best substitute, and the most active part. I proposed to entist at once, easily obtained; accordingly, a search was but my parents objected, and my brother begun for material from which to manu-

reasons that I was too young, had never Almost every farm had a blacksmith-been inured to hardships, and physically shop in those days, and in them were not able to make a soldier; besides, vol- large files and rasps which had been unteers were rushing to the front faster worn out and laid aside as useless. than they could be provided with arms. These, and any other pieces of steel ioning these once-useful instruments into men, went into camps, and spent the tempt to come up the Tennessee River. slipped for care. time drilling and making other prepara- Tan-yards were invaded for leather, and tions while their uniforms were being shoemakers engaged to make scabbards; smartly in canvas, with designs and primary colorings. made; and on June 3 left for Virginia, preparations kept pace with enlistments,

early generally had very good uniforms, call for troops to my father, and when he

A great many of my most intimate a peaceful settlement, and considering it the corner of a canvas table cover in snuff color, done in cross stitch of green and

lieved, and so published in the papers, MARGARET WYNNE. By Adeline Sar-Co., Chicago.

WOMAN AND THE SHADOW. By Ara-

issued an urgent appeal for volunteers, stating in the call that the men would have to arm themselves, as he had no Native Co. New York.

Peka, Kan.

Rec. Sec., D. W. Bushnell; Cor. Sec., C. W. W. Kepler; Treas., Peter Kiene. A big until the handful of survivors was mustil the handful of su Nally & Co., New York.

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PHONO-RHYTHMO FRENCH METHOD.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

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bella Kenealy. Published by Rand, Mc-Nally & Co., New York. TALES OF THE TRAIL. By Col. Henry Inman. Published by Crane & Co., To-

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the only boy left at home, I was the youngest member of the family, and had been netted (perhaps spoiled) from my

Nearly 70 survivors of the 50th Ill. at-

ed most heavily upon them, my youth and lack of physical development being Fighting Days Recalled at Happy Meetings.

Surg., J. F. Nichols, Southwest City, and Thursday in October, 1899. Mo.; Char., M. M. Gooding, Hopedale, III. In the evening a banquet was attended by the veterans and invited guests, including a number of ladies. writes: "The annual Reunion of the 27th Gen. E. B. Hamilton, 119th Ill., at the re- Me. Association occurred at Alfred, Aug. quest of Mrs. John M. Cyrus, read a poem of her own composition, which was enprotocol was signed, there was begun the titled "Shall Our Old Fiftieth Be Forgot?" of the comrades and their friends were formation at Santiago of the "Society of and which she dedicated to the Blind present. A bountiful collation was served

Clara Barton elected President. The regiment. By our rules we have adopted were cordially greeted by their old comafter that 25 cents each year. Wives can Reunion at Peak's Island, Portland Haralso be members on payment of 25 cents yearly dues. With this fund we pay expenses of the Reunion, also for badges and a report of the Reunion in pamphlet Wilmington, Del., requests that survivors form of about 30 pages, which, with a badge, is sent to the comrades who cannot attend. The badge adopted by the Association is a blending of the Second At the Reunion held at Milford, Oct. 6, Division, Sixteenth Corps badge with the Fourth Division, Fifteenth Corps, both having served in both divisions. All paying members receive these, while all whose names and addresses we can obtain are enrolled on our roster as members of the association. We also enroll rades, with addresses, that we may be in touch if they are in need. We have the next Reunion will be held in Saginaw in names of nearly 500 of the survivors of the 50th Ill., known as the 'Old Blind Half Hundred.' I have written you at length in regard to our organization, believing that every regiment should perfect a Reunion association and line up and touch elbows until the final muster-out."

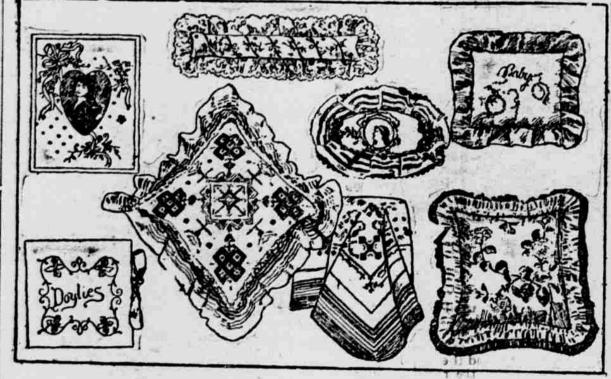
Twenty-six survivors of the 73d Ill., five of whom were accompanied by their wives, registered at the Reunion in the Chamber of Commerce, Quincy, Oct. 20 and 21. These men were from five States comrades and the city of Quincy extended every courtesy. Officers: Pres., J. O. Joy; begged me not to let John go to the war put both my hands on her shoulders and put both my hands on her shoulders and said: 'Mother, you know you told me after I got back that you wouldn't have marand the District of Columbia. Resident The 13th annual Reunion will be held at Springfield, Ill., during State Fair.

Indiana. The Reunion of the 59th Ind. Asso- otherwise." ciation at Clay City, Ind., on Oct. 6 and 7, was a grand success. Fifty-three comrades registered and 115 from other regiand singing patriotic songs. The Associ- St. Paul; Chap., Rev. E. R. Lathrop. ation elected the following officers: Pres., Capt. James E. Hyden; V. P., Rev. Robert Kerr; Sec. and Treas., T. Alex. Brown. Nearly 80 survivors of the 29th Ind. assembled at the 13th annual Reunion at Mentone, Capt. Houghton gave a very interesting description of the battle of Stone River, showing the pluck of the boys and their fighting qualities. Col. Ream gave a resume of the regiment's travels and camp and battle life. Officers: Pres., Col. Charles Ream; V. P.'s, Thos. The 7th Ind. Cav. Association held its 16th annual Reunion at Dunkirk, Ind., Oct. 5 and 6. About 60 comrades and comrades' wives were present. Gen. J. P. C. Shanks, of Portland, Ind., gave in-Thomas, of Marion, Ind., was elected

Secretary and Treasurer. Iowa. One of the most successful Reunions held this season by "Hawkeye" veterans Vernon, presided, Corresponding Secretary Hayes read a very interesting report. It was voted to hold the next meeting at Keokuk, Officers: Pres., Col. H. H. Rood;

hundreds of the survivors. The regiments composing the brigade have separate organization, each electing shot in succession, and the strife for the officers. Connie Leomon, of Guthrie Center, was elected President of the 11th lowa. J. W. Wilkinson, Jefferson, is Vice and when the remnant of the regiment as-Hooker. Published by Rand, McNally President; M. G. Wiggins, Dow City, sembled later that night the loss of the flag tine, Treasurer,

The officers of the 13th Iowa are: Pres., J. W. Fitz; V. P., W. H. Young; Sec.,



CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR THE LADIES.

Fine white linen is an important fabric in the pretty things which women soon will be considering for Christmas gifts. Photograph frames are made by hand, largely are of fine white linen, the center cut ents' wishes, and reluctantly yielded un- knife, were hunted up, and in a short to let in the photograph in an odd shape, then embroidered in any flower or flowers der an assurance that objections would while the ring of the blacksmith's ham- which pleases the worker. Frames, readymade, with waterproof white paper edge, are sold. The first picture given illustrates one.

Doyly cases are welcome to a housekeeper. Some are made from fine white The company to which my brother be- weapons which were to exterminate all the linen, flowered, others are of Java canvas in primitive designs. All have leaves of longed soon had a full complement of Yankees who should be so foolish as to at- colored heavy paper, between which devlies, the good housekeeper's best friends, are The top illustration in the second line shows a man's collar case, worked up

Sofa cushions are of satin or some inexpensive cotton. A beautiful one in yellow where they met other companies, and or and by the time we had 100 enrolled green, embroidered with pinkish hydrangeas, is illustrated. The frills are of ribbon, two shades of pink, one of green. All sofa cushions have ribbon ruffles this season. The Confederate soldiers who went out | Ere this I had carried President Davis's | Four widths of as many grades in color, overlapping, are not unusual. Pincushions are myriad. Some are for use, others sold for dressing-table ornawhich, of course, were furnished by them- had read it I reminded him of his promise ments. One fanciful sort, illustrated above, has the likeness of an actress, handselves; but later it was impossible to pro- that I might go whenever it became painted really well, on the top. Embroideries, lace, and ribbons complete the little

selves in luck when we had anything at I could think of, and particularly emise to please a passing fancy. The popular shape in cushions is long and narrow. comfortable, no matter what the color phazing the necessity as it appeared at Taffeta silk is much used as a cover, embroidered upon itself, or faced with flowered jeans being more generally in use on The old gentleman had been a strong Fringe, which has made its appearance this season as a dress trimming, has met account of the material for the cloth and Union man up to the time of the seces- oblivion in fancy work. Table covers are finished with lace, or, better yet, strips of Treadwell of preparing a regimental histhe dye for coloring it being more easily sion of Alabama, but after the Ordinance fabric in a color contrasting with the center, and these are blended with that center tory. was passed had abandoned all hope of with the help of flat ribbons put on in lengths or lines or stitching. The cut shows

friends went off with my brother's com- his duty to go with his State, had be- red. The border is red canvas decorated with narrow green ribbons. where we had mails only three times a cracy.

week, it was a lonely time I had. With To him it rese hard stresse between as the most popular and acceptable gift for a young child. At the wholesale shops the Valley of Virginia, will please com-Not to leave the subject of white linen in present fancy work just yet, a baby the organization of a U. V. U. Com nand, nothing to do and few companions, I grew parental affection and patriotic duty; still these pillows are made in enormous quantities. On some the hair stitching and harder with my mother, for, besides being embroidery are in pink or blue. Others are all white. Another pillow is shown below.

W. H. Penn, Des Moines, Iowa; Treas. A. W. Guthrie. The survivors of the 15th Iowa chose Maj. M. A. Higley President, Capt. S. Rynearson Vice President, Maj. H. C. McArthur, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Secretary.

Officers of the 16th Iowa are: Pres., C. W. Frackner; V. P., W. L. Kissick; Sec., John Hayes, Red Oak, Iowa. Kentucky.

The first Reunion of survivors of the 27th Ky. was held in Munfordville, Oct. ment of "Inside of Rebeldom" Dr. Cannon tells breezily of his enlistment in the regiment then forming, of their departure for the war, and of amusing and also exciting episodes of night-alarms, picket duty, and the first combat.

Nearly 70 survivors of the 50th III. attended the recent meeting at Quincy. Arrangements were made to pay off a debt of about \$100, contracted in publishing the regimental history. Old officers were re-elected as follows: Col., Wm. Hanna, Golden; Lieut.-Col., H. L. Burnham, Kansas City, Mo.; Maj., Reuben Gunn, Edgerton Mo.; Adi't, C. F. Hubert, Fowler, Capt. H. B. Grant, Capt. Fisher, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. B. Grant, Capt. Fisher, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. B. Grant, Capt. Fisher, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded. Stir-ring speeches were made by Judge Mc-Beath, Capt. H. C. Martin, Judge Macy and Col. Ward responded to the recent meeting at Quincy. ton, Mo.; Adj't., C. F. Hubert, Fowler, others. The next meeting will be held in Ill.; Q. M., Geo. C. Bartells, Camp Point; Elizabethtown on the first Wednesday

W. S. Hasty, Secretary, Waco. Me. Half Hundred.'
Secretary Hubert writes: "Our officers Lieut.-Col. Stone and many of the Capthe organization was completed, and Miss are designated by titles of officers of a tains and Lieutenants were present, and a membership fee of 50 cents and annual rades. Speeches were made by Lieut. dues of 25 cents thereafter. So that a Col. Stone, Lieut. M. S. Hurd, Capt. comrade member of the regiment desiring Getchell, Commander Burbank, Mrs. J to become a paying member, sends to the Quartermaster the first year 75 cents; Others. It was decided to hold the next

Charles A. Foster, Secretary, 5th Md.

At the Reunion held at Milford, Oct. 6, the 8th Mich. Cav. elected the following officers: Pres., Wm. C. Bouck, New Lothrop; V. P.'s, G. S. Wormer, Detroit;

N. S. Boynton, Port Huron; Jas. B. Sutton, Pontiac; J. W. Hilliker, Traverse City, and L. Fitch, Lapeer. Thos. W. McKee was re-elected Secretary and September, 1899.

Many sons of veterans of the old 10th Minn, are in the volunteer army of the Spanish-American war, and the reading of letters from the boys formed an in-D. F. Lawler, Green Valley, Ill.; Surg., I got back that you wouldn't have and Comrades who have not already done so chance?" And so we said good-by to our unconditional guaranty. Absolute proofs sent are requested to send annual dues with boy, and he's over in Manila now with postoffice address to Secretary Lawler. Gen. Merritt, God spared him to us in the charge over the enemy's breastworks, but I would have bowed my head and said, 'His will be done,' if it had been

Vice-President T. J. Hunt presided at the business meeting in the absence of President E. N. Leavens. The deaths of ments were present. The association was David Blair, John Brenlach, Peter E. called to order by the President, James F. Olson, William Canfield, David Winter, Lankford; all officers were present. The I. E. Eggleston, Ole Johnson, E. H. Case, Campfire in the evening was the enjoy- A. C. Flanders, James M. Gorman, Jas. able feature of the occasion. Among the M. Loughlin, Jesse J. Stewart, A. A. speakers was Hom G. W. Farris, member Harper, John Linnet. These officers were Congress from Fifth Indiana District. chosen: Pres., Charles Kittleson; V. P. A pleasant feature was 45 young ladies in Benjamin C. Sanborn; Treas.; M. R. uniform, all carrying the American flag Prendergast; Sec., H. A. McConnell, North

Missourl. President D. W. Pollock, of St. John. Mo., presided at the recent meeting of the 18th Mo. Association, at Unionville, where many of the survivors of this gallant old regiment assembled to renew war-time acquaintances. Besides members of this command, hundreds of veterans of other regiments were present and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Officers: Pres., Capt. D. W. Pollock; V. P.'s, Capt. Louis Benecke, Lieut. Elias Perry, Lieut. Charles Grabosch; Treas. Henry S. Wells; Sec., Isaiah C. Sell; Ass't Sec., Christian Howard. The 42d Mo. met at Unionville at the same time as the 18th Mo., and elected the

following officers: Pres., S. S. Torrey; V. P., Perry Wyckoff; Sec., G. W. Houston. Executive Committee, Jas. Thompson, D. W. Snyder and J. W. Young. regimental officer now living. The next View, Mo., has been of great service to Reunion will be held at Fairmount, Ind., his comrades of the 6th Mo. Cav. by Comrade E. D. Phelps, of Mountain the first Wednesday and Thursday in keeping a record of the postoffice adpolitics and on the other great questions commanders became famous men, and more than 1,000,000 have been housed and fed on her. October, 1899. A. S. Whetsel, of Dunkirk, dresses, deaths, etc., among members of Ind., was elected President, and A. C. the regiment. This work has invo ved much correspondence and has required

Recovery of a Standard. This year's Reunion of the 7th N. Y. H. A. marked the return of the tattered battlewas that of Crocker's Iowa Brigade lat flag of the regiment which was lost in Jefferson, Iowa. Col. H. H. Rood, of Mt. the bloody fight before Petersburg. and was this year recovered by the survivors ings. The history of the 7th H. A. is a In the memorable charge of June 10, 1861 just at nightfall, six Color-Sergeants were colors became desperate. The regiment Secretary; and Geo. D. McGoon, Musca- was not noticed. Many changes were made in the regiment and sight was lost of the flag. Years later, when the Society was formed, the question was asked what had become of the regimental flag. Inquiry was made at the office of State Historian Hastings, when it was ascertained that the flag was not among those in the had participated in the capture, and also with the War Department, and it was finally learned that the colors were stored in the Adjutant-General's Department at a resolution restoring the flag to the sur-

> gan presented us with this elegant flag, which we carried through many miles of marching in excessive heat and rains, endured hardships and exposures of every hind and lost in its defense two-thirds of the lost in its defense two-thirds. kind and lost in its defense two-thirds of the regiment during 100 days' campaign E. Lemon.) in Virginia in 1864. Our colors were carried by the regiment in every battle until that unlucky day when we lost it on the assault of Petersburg, Va., June 16, 1864. The regiment went into act on divided into three battalions. At 6 o'cleck the whole line advanced, Gen. Barlow, the division commander, leading in person. Three hundred and one of the 7th H. A. were taken to Petersburg that night, and this flag was with them. When the scattered remnants of the regiment returned to their camp that night it was known that the National colors were lost; but the next day they were recovered, having been picked up on the field by Burnside's men. No report, however, was made that the regiment had lost another flag on this sanguinary field. When the destructive efforts of the enemy's fire upon the color-guard, the heavy losses which the regiment had sustained in officers and men, the general shifting of officers of high rank, and the darkness, united with the utter demoralidarkness, united with the utter demoralization that must have existed in the rank and file when the regiment reassembled, are taken into consideration, a reasonable explanation can be offered for the failure to report the loss of this stand of colors."
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> State Historian Hastings spoke of his standing to be a superscript of the colors of and file when the regiment reassembled are taken into consideration, a reasonable State Historian Hastings spoke of his Franklin Hart, efforts to recover the flag, and how he at last located it in the Adjutant-General's Office at Washington. Later the veterans marched to the Capitol, where the colors were displayed. Old officers were reelected, and the task assigned to Maj.

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